

## GEN. PERSHING'S MEN ARE CUT OFF

FRENCH GUNS  
HUSH FEEBLE  
GERMAN FIRE

Heavy Artillery on France  
Forts Pound Mercilessly  
at the Enemy.

## FOE'S RETURN WEAK

Crown Prince's Battery Put-  
ting Up Pitiful Resist-  
ance, Says Paris.

Paris, April 4, (12:10 p. m.)—No in-  
fant attacks were made last night  
by the Germans in the Verdun region,  
the war office announced this after-  
noon. The French continued their  
heavy bombardment along the Douaumont-Vaux front, northeast of Verdun.  
The response was feeble. There were  
violent artillery exchanges near Avocourt and Malancourt.

The text of the statement follows:  
"In the Argonne district we have  
bombarded certain of the German or-  
ganizations, particularly in the region  
of Montfaucon and Malancourt.

"To the west of the river Meuse  
there has been artillery fighting of  
considerable violence along the front  
from Avocourt as far as Malancourt.  
"The Germans have made no attack  
against the front between Douaumont  
and Vaux, reestablished by our counter  
attacks of yesterday.

"East of the forest of Le Pretre a  
strong reconnaissance by the enemy  
has been dispersed by our fire."

## German War Report.

Berlin, (via London, April 4, 3:05  
p. m.)—Strong French positions  
southwest of Douaumont and in the  
Caillotte wood northeast of Verdun  
have been taken by German troops,  
the war office announced today.

Recapture by the British of a mine  
crater at St. Eloi, south of Ypres,  
which the Germans had been occupy-  
ing is also recorded in the official  
statement.

The official statement reads:  
"In the region of the fortress of  
Douaumont our troops after bitter  
fighting captured on April 2 some  
strong French defense positions south-  
west and south of the fortress and in  
Caillotte wood. They repulsed from  
the captured positions all the enemy's  
counter attacks which continued into  
the night. Employing exceedingly  
strong forces and at the cost of ex-  
tremely heavy sacrifices, the French  
repeatedly and fruitlessly stormed  
the defense positions which they had lost  
in Caillotte wood."

Three Killed in Air Raid.  
Rome, April 4, (via Paris, 3:52 a. m.)  
—Among the details given in an  
official communication regarding the raid  
at Ancona yesterday afternoon by five  
seaplanes supported by two torpedo  
boats, as a result of which three per-  
sons were killed and 11 injured, are  
the following:

"The enemy seaplanes were attacked  
by anti-aircraft guns on an armored  
train and by four of our aeroplanes.  
The seaplanes fled, but three of them  
were brought down. One was the L-21,  
which was captured intact. The second  
was marked O-21; it burst into  
flames and was destroyed. The third  
sank while it was being towed to port.  
The enemy torpedo boats had remained  
far out at sea during the attempted  
raid."

ARMY BILL STILL  
OCCUPIES SENATE

Washington, April 4.—Consideration  
of the army reorganization bill was  
continued in the senate with renewed  
warning by Senator Chamberlain, in  
charge of the measure, that unless  
greater progress is made he would  
demand that night sessions be held.

Senators Cummins of Iowa and Lee  
of Maryland, were expected to renew  
their fight for the adoption of an  
amendment, championed by them,  
which would eliminate from the bill  
provision for the federal volunteer  
army.

The senate late yesterday adopted  
an amendment offered by Mr. Cum-  
mins provided for the creation of a  
national guard section of the general  
staff of the army.

## DAY IN CONGRESS

## SENATE.

Continued consideration of the  
army reorganization bill.

## HOUSE.

Debate on rivers and harbors  
bill resumed.

Powder Mill  
Explosion is  
Fatal to 200

London, April 4, (12:49 p. m.)—The  
explosion of a powder factory in  
Kent has caused the death or injury  
of 200 persons it was announced offi-  
cially today.

The following statement was given  
out:

"The ministry of munitions reports  
with great regret that during the  
week end a serious fire broke out in  
a powder factory, which led to a series  
of explosions in the works. The fire  
was purely accidental. It was dis-  
covered at midday and the last of the  
explosions took place shortly after  
2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Approximate number of casualties  
is 200.

MUCH WHEAT NOT  
FIT FOR MILLING

Department of Agriculture Puts Esti-  
mate on Poor Grain of 1915 at  
146,000,000 Bushels.

Washington, April 4.—Wheat of the  
1915 crop unfit for milling is estimated  
at 146,000,000 bushels as a result of  
inquiry made by the department of  
agriculture from flour mills and grain  
elevators. The replies were so varia-  
ble as to make accurate deductions im-  
possible and any estimate debatable  
without considerable qualification. On  
these replies the average worked out  
14.4 per cent as the wheat unfit for  
milling and 7.3 per cent or 74,000,000  
bushels as feed for live stock.

"Much wheat was used this season  
for milling ordinarily would not be  
regarded as fit to mill," says a report  
of the bureau of crop estimates. "Mod-  
ern machinery enabled those who had  
such equipment to make millable  
much wheat which small millers, lack-  
ing such facilities, could not use. Much  
wheat, not good enough for local mill-  
ers, was shipped out, apparently find-  
ing a ready demand at terminal points  
and abroad.

"Wheat usually fed to live stock has  
not been regarded by the grain trade  
to be of material proportions — not  
more than two per cent of the crop."

## Plan Military Training in Schools.

Peoria, Ill., April 4.—Military train-  
ing for pupils in high schools here  
may become a reality as a result of  
a movement inaugurated at a meeting  
of the board of education last night  
when a resolution was adopted au-  
thorizing a poll of parental sentiment  
throughout the city.

## THE WAR TODAY

There is a slight lull in the bat-  
tle raging around Verdun today.

Northwest of the fortress the ar-  
tillery of both sides has been ac-  
tively employed along the Avocourt-Malancourt front, where the  
salient in the line is gradually be-  
ing straightened out by the south-  
ward push of the Germans.

A British powder factory in  
Kent has blown up, causing the  
death or injury of 200 persons.

Norway, says a Copenhagen dis-  
patch, has asked Germany to in-  
vestigate whether German subma-  
rines have been responsible for the  
sinking recently of a large num-  
ber of Norwegian vessels.

The Germans are engaged in  
bombarding the region of the  
Bourruis wood, five miles north-  
west of Verdun, having straight-  
ened out their line by occupying  
all French positions north of the  
Fosges brook between Hancourt  
and Bethincourt, northwest of  
Verdun.

The French have driven back  
the Germans to the northern out-  
skirts of the Caillotte wood and  
have reconquered the western part  
of the village of Vaux, which they  
had previously evacuated.

From their new positions south  
of the Fosges brook and at Beth-  
incourt the French poured a di-  
rect and flanking fire into the at-  
tacking Germans, who suffered  
heavy casualties.

Numerous aerial battles have  
taken place during the last 48  
hours around Verdun in which the  
Germans are said to have lost four  
aeroplanes.

Artillery engagements are still  
proceeding along the Russian and  
Italian fronts.

The Turks with strong rein-  
forcements claim to have checked  
the Russian advance in the Cau-  
casus and themselves to have  
made advances in the Tchoruk  
Valley. Petrograd, however, says  
the Russians have seized a num-  
ber of heavily fortified Turkish  
positions on the Upper Tchoruk.

In Arabia, according to Con-  
stantinople, the British near Sheikh  
Osman have been driven out of  
fortified positions with heavy cas-  
ualties and forced to retreat.

TROOPS LOST  
IN WILDS OF  
ENEMY LAND

All Means of Communica-  
tion With American Sol-  
diers Are Severed.

## FAR INTO INTERIOR

No Word From Troopers as  
They Enter in Wilder-  
nesses of Mexico.

Torreon, Mex., April 4.—  
General Canuto Reyes, com-  
manding the Villa forces in  
this locality, has sent a letter  
to General Trevino, Car-  
ranza commander, offering  
to surrender with all his  
forces if given amnesty. This  
information was given out  
today by General Trevino.

At Front, March 31, (via aeo-  
plane and motor courier to Ameri-  
can border at Columbus, N. M.,  
April 4.—The strategy whereby  
after two weeks of pursuit the  
Villa band under General Eliseo  
Hernandez was overtaken by  
American troops and dispersed,  
was revealed here today. The plan  
was to send the American column  
in a straight line, along "the  
string of the bow" while Villa was  
taking a longer route along the  
"arch of the bow." Coupled with  
this maneuver was a general or-  
der: "spare nothing except horse  
flesh."

Columbus, N. M., April 4.—Gen-  
eral Pershing has established his  
camp so far into the wilderness of  
the Guerrero mountains and so far  
beyond the range of communica-  
tion that his staff officers were  
obliged to report again today that  
they had no knowledge of his  
whereabouts. This information  
came in reply to demands on the  
part of the war department for a  
list of American casualties in the  
San Geronimo engagements.

The department officials have  
been in receipt of numerous com-  
munications showing the anxiety  
of relatives of soldiers in Colonel  
George A. Dodd's command. Re-  
ports of heavy firing along the  
American line of communication  
caused some fear that the threat-  
ened attempt of Villistas to cut  
off a truck train had developed.  
Investigation proved that mem-  
bers of the engineering corps who  
are repairing the road from here  
to Casas Grandes had been hunt-  
ing game.

El Paso, Texas, April 4.—With Fran-  
cisco Villa still in flight and his where-  
abouts apparently unknown to his pur-  
suers, the campaign of the United  
States army now scouring northern  
Chihuahua for the bandit and his fol-  
lowers, entered today upon what may  
be considered as a second and broader  
phase. New troops have been ordered  
to depart from the military base at  
Columbus, N. M., into Mexico to pro-  
test the lengthening line of communica-  
tions, which has rapidly become at-  
tenuated as the flying columns of  
American cavalry advanced south-  
ward.

Villa has been reported at many  
points from the Rayon country to the  
Benito Juarez district. The difficul-  
ties of the pursuit of Villa have multi-  
plied because of the misleading in-  
formation given by Mexican peons to  
General Pershing's men.

Reports received here today from  
Mexican sources supported the story  
brought from the interior yesterday by  
a Mexican to the effect that Villa, with  
a few of his most trusted followers,  
was far to the south of Satevo and  
nearing Parral. One report said the  
bandit had already reached that town  
but it was believed this was at least  
premature.

There is little question any longer  
on the border that Villa is heading for  
Torreon, in the neighborhood of which  
city he will find Canuto Reyes, one of  
his most trusted lieutenants. Reyes  
has successfully defied the Carranza  
forces for several months. He rav-  
aged North Durango and is believed to  
have several hundred men in his com-  
pany.

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## New York Elections Today.

New York, April 4.—For the first  
time in the history of New York state  
voters will today elect delegates to  
the democratic, republican and pro-  
gressive national conventions in di-  
rect primaries. There are compara-  
tively few contests in any of these  
parties.

## SOLD 'EM YET, FELLERS?



Due to scarcity of paper the price of old rags has more than doubled.—News Item.

DUTCH PREPARING  
FOR CONTINGENCY

Holland's Minister of War Says Coun-  
try Will Not Forsake Allies in  
Her Neutrality.

Amsterdam, April 4, (via London,  
7:30 a. m.)—"I do not for a moment  
suggest there is a possibility that  
Great Britain intends to land her new  
armies on the Dutch coast," said former  
Minister of War Colijn today in an  
interview, regarding recent mysteri-  
ous military preparations in Holland.  
"We have the assurance of Britain  
that she will respect our neutrality  
and we rely on that assurance but the  
question is, what does Germany think  
of this?"

"If the Germans begin seriously to  
be afraid of such a contingency, name-  
ly of the landing of British troops in  
Holland, what influence will that have  
on Germany's attitude toward us? We  
must assume that she is acquainted  
with our defensive capacity. If she  
judges that capacity inadequate and  
considers that a British irruption into  
Germany through Holland is to be  
feared, would it then be strange if we  
were approached from the German  
side with proposals to which we can-  
not submit, because they would mean  
the abandonment of our neutrality to-  
ward the allies?"

Jonckere Colijn added that there was  
an increasing possibility of conflict  
of both sides and while a waiting at-  
titude might be adopted toward Great  
Britain, something positive must be  
done with regard to Germany. He sug-  
gested the strengthening of the Dutch  
forces, in order to make clear that  
Holland has the power and the inten-  
tion to prevent a menace to Germany's  
open flank.

K. OF C'S TO GIVE HOME  
TO FIRST OFFENDERS

Chicago, April 4.—A home for boys  
who never had a chance and for first  
offenders in the juvenile court, as pro-  
posed by Archbishop George W. Mun-  
dela, will be built by La Salle as-  
sembly, Knights of Columbus, it was  
announced today. The home will be  
for boys under 17 years of age, regard-  
less of race or religious affiliation.

ARGUS  
ELECTION  
RETURNS

Results of the elections  
today will be bulletined at  
The Argus building to-  
night immediately after  
the count is completed.  
You are invited to read the  
returns furnished by The  
Argus. Arrangements have  
been perfected to get the  
results as quickly as they  
are available from the pre-  
cinct officials. If you do  
not come to read the bulle-  
tins, you are welcome to  
use the telephone. The  
Argus telephones are Nos.  
145, 146 and 147.

Divorce Bill  
Filed by Wife  
of Dr. Waite

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 4.—Mrs.  
Clara Louise Peck Waite today filed  
suit for divorce in superior court here  
against her husband, Dr. Arthur War-  
ren Waite of New York, who has con-  
fessed to the murder of her father  
and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John E.  
Peck.

In her bill of complaint Mrs. Waite  
charges that her husband gained her  
consent to marriage by fraud; that  
he treated her with extreme cruelty  
after marriage; plotted to murder her  
father and mother and did accomplish  
that crime and intended to kill his  
wife and other members of her family.  
It is also charged that Dr. Waite had  
"unlawful relations with a Mrs. Mar-  
garet Horton" and other "persons  
unknown to the plaintiff."

WINE OF CARDUI  
A POPULAR DRINK

Chicago, April 4.—"Wine of Cardui"  
was taken by one woman as a sub-  
stitute for a drug after the Harrison law  
went into effect, according to the tes-  
timony given today by Dr. F. M. New-  
som of Ruby, N. C., at the libel suit of  
John A. Patten and Z. C. Patten, Jr.,  
manufacturers of the medicine, against  
the American Medical association. This  
woman, a patient of his, Newsom said,  
had seen drink a third of a bottle of  
"Wine of Cardui" at a time. Dr.  
Newsom also told of the medicine's  
use as a beverage by men.

C. R. W. Stanfill, a store keeper of  
Ragin, Tenn., testified he had been  
selling Wine of Cardui for 15 years and  
that his wife had been using it during  
that period.

"At first," he said, "she took a tea-  
spoonful; now she takes as much as  
an ounce and a half."

A neighbor, a Mrs. Ruskin, he said,  
takes Wine of Cardui according to di-  
rection. "I'd call the spoon she uses a  
soup ladle."

## Latest Bulletins

London, April 4.—No damage  
was caused by last night's Zepp-  
elin raid, it was announced offi-  
cially today, and there were no  
casualties.

London, April 4.—In opening his  
budget speech in the house of com-  
mons today Reginald McKenna,  
chancellor of the exchequer, said  
it was assumed that the war  
would last during the whole of the  
fiscal year.

Rome, April 4.—Wireless reports  
from Zurich state that Holland has  
closed her German frontier and  
massed all her available forces  
there.

Petrograd, April 4.—General N.  
Ivanoff has retired from the com-  
mand of the Russian armies in  
Volhynia and Galicia and Emperor  
Nicholas has addressed a compli-  
mentary rescript to him.

General Ivanoff's successor has  
not been announced.

CIGAR FRAUD  
COST NATION  
\$20,000,000

Graft in Internal Revenue  
Department Revealed in  
Charge Made.

## INQUIRY UNDER WAY

Government Officers Stand  
in Path of the Federal  
Probe Now Started.

Washington, April 4.—Charges that  
collusion has existed for years be-  
tween certain deputy internal revenue  
collectors in New York City and cigar  
manufacturers, recently arrested in  
the alleged \$20,000,000 tobacco fraud  
cases, are under investigation by the  
treasury department.

Treasury officials said today that  
Carl E. Whitney, a New York lawyer,  
had filed charges that a number of de-  
puty internal revenue collectors in that  
city are involved in the recently dis-  
covered tobacco frauds, involving hun-  
dreds of cigars and cigarette manufac-  
turers in which the government is be-  
lieved to have lost \$20,000,000 in un-  
collectable internal revenue. Mr.  
Whitney made his charges to assistant  
Secretary Malbourn. He is coun-  
sel for some of the cigar manufactur-  
ers. An investigation is being made by  
John Z. Lowe, collector of New York.  
Manufacturers Paid Officers.

According to treasury officials Mr.  
Whitney charged that collectors have  
been not only receiving remittances  
from manufacturers but in some cases  
have approached manufacturers who  
were not evading the law and pointed  
out the ease with which they could  
escape payment of revenue duties and  
offered to cooperate with them to this  
end for small considerations weekly.

PEOPLE STIRRED BY  
SECTARIAN SPEAKER

Haverhill, Mass., April 4.—A trail of  
broken glass was the only visible evi-  
dence today of the disturbance of last  
night when a mob held the city in its  
power for several hours and smashed  
windows at will. Several persons were  
injured by flying missiles but no one  
was seriously hurt.

The cause of the riot was the objec-  
tion of many residents to the granting  
by the city government of a permit to  
Thomas A. Leyden of Somerville to de-  
liver an address in the city hall on  
sectarian questions, particularly re-  
garding state appropriations for secta-  
rian schools.

An immense crowd formed about  
the building and became so threaten-  
ing that the meeting was abandoned.  
The crowd then began throwing stones  
at windows in the city hall. Portions  
of the mob went to other parts of the  
city and attacked the residences of  
persons who had assisted in arranging  
for Leyden's address.

The local militia company was called  
out and cleared the streets.

NEIGHBORS SHOT  
DOWN BY HUNTER

Crazed Woodsman Barricades Self in  
Home and Shoots Everybody Who  
Comes Near His Place.

Babylon, L. I., April 4.—William  
Donley, a hunter and guide, he dead  
today in his home where he had wound-  
ed five persons and fought a long bat-  
tle with the sheriff and 14 deputies who  
attempted to arrest him. Armed with  
rifles, shotguns and revolvers, Donley  
withstood siege by the county authori-  
ties from noon yesterday until early  
this morning. When the attackers,  
after a long silence, forced their way  
into the house they found Donley had  
almost blown the upper part of his  
head off with a shotgun. The body lay  
at the head of the stairs where Don-  
ley had for hours kept the besiegers  
at bay.

Donley's friends believe he was driv-  
en to temporary insanity by his recent  
arrest for shooting ducks out of sea-  
son and the imposition of a fine of  
\$600, which he could not pay. He ac-  
cused two of his neighbors of making  
the complaint against him and, open-  
ing fire on them with a shotgun,  
wounded both. A third neighbor who  
intervened, also was wounded. Don-  
ley then fired several shots at his  
wife and at the wife of a neighbor,  
slightly wounding the latter. For  
hours thereafter Donley fired at any  
person who came near his home. A po-  
liceman, attempting to arrest him, was  
shot in the arm and leg.

LYNCH NEGRO FOR  
ASSAULT ON GIRL

Ex-Convict Attacks 13-Year-Old Girl  
in Woods—Mob Hurls Him and  
Riddles Body With Bullets.

Idabel, Okla., April 4.—"Judge  
Lynch" tried, convicted, sentenced, and  
executed Oscar Martin, a negro, in this  
city yesterday. Martin was arrested  
near Bismarck, charged with having  
criminally attacked a 13-year-old white  
girl, who with a girl companion was  
gathering wild onions in the woods  
when the negro appeared. After talk-  
ing to the children the negro threw  
Edna Murphy to the ground and be-  
gan choking and otherwise mistreating  
her.

Her companion screamed and ran to  
where some negroes were fishing near-  
by, but they paid no heed to her en-  
treaties and she went back and met  
Edna in a state of hysteria, her clothes  
disheveled and torn.

They reported the attack and that  
night the negro was captured, identi-  
fied by the girls, and brought to Idabel  
and placed in jail.

Yesterday morning the preliminary  
hearing was held in the district court  
room and the examination was listened  
to by a crowd. The evidence was in  
and the court was ready to pronounce  
his finding when the mob moved on  
the officers who had the negro in  
charge, disarmed them, and took  
charge of the negro.

A rope was soon in evidence and the  
negro was hustled through the rear  
door of the court house. The rope was  
placed around his neck, tied to the  
railing of the gallery, and Martin was  
shoved over the rail, falling about 12  
feet.

In his struggles Martin caught hold  
of some upright timbers that supported  
the gallery, but he was pulled away  
from the support and a couple of bul-  
lets put an end to him.

Except for a few cheers and the pis-  
tol shots the lynching was done quietly,  
yet the mob would brook no inter-  
ference from the officers.

The evidence in the case was posi-  
tive and there is no danger of having  
hanged the wrong man. Martin had  
only recently finished a term in the  
Arkansas penitentiary, where he was  
sent for attempting a similar offense  
and where he would have been lynched  
had the officers not spirited him away.

DUBUQUE REELECTS  
DEMOCRATIC MAYOR

Dubuque, Ia., April 4.—Practically  
complete returns today showed that  
James Saul was reelected mayor of  
Dubuque on the democratic ticket. His  
majority over E. H. Whiting, on the  
citizens' ticket, would be about 400, it  
was said.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.

Generally fair tonight and Wednes-  
day, not much change in temperature  
with the lowest tonight near freezing.  
Temperature at 7 a. m. 36. Highest  
yesterday 59, lowest last night 35.  
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., four  
miles per hour.

Precipitation none.  
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 73, at  
7 a. m. 80, at 1 p. m. today 46.

Stage of water 10.8, a fall of 4 in  
last 24 hours.  
J. M. SHERMAN, Local Forecaster.